

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jean-Damien Charrier et al.  
Application No. : 09/877,832 Confirmation No. : 9982  
Filed : June 7, 2001  
For : CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF  
Group Art Unit : 1624  
Examiner : Venkataraman Balasubramanian

Cambridge, Massachusetts  
April 18, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the October 21, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have submitted herewith a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. The time for reply to this Office Action is, therefore, up to and including April 21, 2003. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-5 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A compound of formula I:

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